

April 30, 2008

Ms. Seana C. Cranston
Law Clerk to the Honorable
Randy I. Bellows
19th Judicial Circuit
Fairfax County Circuit Court
4110 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Re: *In Re: Multi-Circuit Episcopal Church Property Litigation*
(cl-2007-0248724)

Dear Ms. Cranston

As stated in Court on April 25, 2008, the Episcopal Church consents to the filing of the brief submitted by Thomas Starnes on behalf of *amici curiae* General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church; African Methodist Episcopal Church; African Methodist Episcopal Zion (“A.M.E. Zion”) Church; Worldwide Church of God; the Rt. Rev. Charlene Kammerer, Bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; and W. Clark Williams, Chancellor of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Episcopal Church further consents to Mr. Starnes’ participation in oral argument on May 28 on the constitutionality of § 57-9. There is no reason, and no reason has been presented, to deny *amici* the opportunity to participate at the May 28 oral argument. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth has been granted permission to participate in oral argument without objection by any party. In the interests of equity, and to give this Court as full a presentation as possible on the important constitutional issues presented, *amici* with opposing views should be permitted to participate similarly.

Sincerely,



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